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## News Release

# Durham Police Department

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## Reward Offered for Information on Arson Fires

A CrimeStoppers reward is being offered for information about several arson fires that have occurred since early December at Piney Wood Park, 400 East Woodcroft Parkway. No injuries have been reported.

A Lincoln Town Car was set on fire and heavily damaged at the park on December 3. The car was found on fire around 9 p.m. Another vehicle – a 2003 Lexus – was destroyed when it was set on fire at the park on December 25. This fire was also discovered shortly before 9 p.m.

On December 29, Durham police officers and firefighters responded to a call at the park around 7:30 a.m. They discovered that a maintenance storage room had been set on fire during the night. Officers also found graffiti sprayed on a bathroom at the park.

On January 30 workers found evidence of a fire that damaged trees and pine straw in the park. It is not known when the fire was set.

Two arson fires were discovered in the area of the dog park on Friday, February 3. The first incident was reported at 8:44 p.m. in the area of Barbee Road and Woodcroft Parkway. A sign was burned near the entrance to the dog park. Approximately two hours later an officer on patrol discovered woods on fire near the back of the dog park. The fire damaged grass and a fence.

Anyone with information is asked to call Investigator Sandoval at (919) 560-4415, ext. 29311, Investigator Emanuel at (919) 560-4415, ext. 29306 or CrimeStoppers at (919) 683-1200. CrimeStoppers pays cash rewards for information leading to arrests in felony cases and callers never have to identify themselves.